



South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

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EVENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC

I. COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is now available and is being distributed in South Carolina by DHEC through the Operation Warp Speed pharmacy partner program. Many CRCFs have already been vaccinated. We expect ICFs to be next to receive the vaccine, followed by CTH IIs.

A vaccine information sheet for the Moderna vaccine is available [here](#).

It is important that all DSN Boards and private providers with LTCFs fill out the DHEC Vaccine Provider Enrollment form located [here](#). Part A requires electronic signatures from your CEO and a “Chief Medical Officer.” The CMO role can be performed by any doctor who agrees to fill that role. Definitions of who can serve as a CMO can be found on the slide deck of instructions preceding the [form](#) on the DHEC vaccine page. If there is a doctor who sees the majority of your residents, that would be a good choice to enlist as CMO. Doctors and Physician’s Assistants at Doctors Care or other private medical providers in the area can also serve as CMO, as well as Pharmacists. If you have any questions concerning the Provider Enrollment Form contact the EOC at eoc@ddsn.sc.gov.

II. REMINDER FOR REPORTING COVID-19 CRITICAL INCIDENTS

Please submit Critical Incident Reports for people receiving services when they test positive. You do not need to submit reports at the time of testing-wait for the results.

Please use the HRS/COVID-19 Reporting Portal for reporting positive COVID-19 tests for staff.

III. CDC AND DHEC PARTNER TO PROVIDE INFECTION CONTROL TRAINING THROUGH PROJECT FIRSTLINE.

The new Project First Line (PFL) grant is a collaborative effort to provide frontline healthcare workers with the infection control training needed to protect them and their patients from infectious disease threats. Below is link to about the project.

www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/projectfirstline

As our nation continues to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency, DHEC would like to offer your frontline team members this important training. The first task of PFL will be completing a Learning Needs Assessment (LNA) of healthcare workers (across service lines and roles) to assess learning gaps relative to infection prevention and control.

Please encourage your staff to complete this brief survey. It should take about 15 minutes to complete. The survey can be found [here](#).